

Decked Out With Style

Winterizing Your Deck Made Simple

(NAPSA)—The summer months can be hard on a deck. Sweltering heat, summer rain and the remnants of backyard barbecues can leave it dirty, mildew stained, gray and weathered. That's why it's important to restore it before the long winter ahead.

By "winterizing" your deck, you'll also protect it from winter's rain, snow and ice to keep it looking great for years. And it's easy if you follow this advice from the deck care experts at Wolman® Wood Care Products.

Clean, prepare and restore: Clean your weathered deck thoroughly to remove any ground-in dirt, grayed surface fibers, and stains from mold, mildew and algae. New decking should be prepped before coating to open the wood pores and remove barriers to penetration, such as mill glaze on new cedar.

Clean pressure-treated wood with Wolman® DeckBrite™ Wood Cleaner & Coating Prep. An acid- and chlorine-free, oxygen-powered powder concentrate, it is tough on stains yet safe to use near plant life and shrubs. If you're not sure of your wood type, use Wolman® Deck & Fence Brightener liquid concentrate. It is formulated to restore all wood—even tannin-rich woods like cedar, redwood, mahogany and other exotic hardwoods.

Both products clean and restore wood to its natural beauty without bleaching or yellowing. The fast-acting formulas loosen and lift dirt, stains and discoloration in just 10 minutes. And they are easy to use—just mix with water, spray on, brush in and rinse off with a garden hose.

If your deck has been previously coated, strip any faded or deteriorating finish with Wolman® DeckStrip® Stain & Finish Re-



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mover. It removes both oil and latex solid, semitransparent or transparent toner-type stains and prepares your deck for the reapplication of water-repellent sealers or stains.

Protect your deck from the elements: After cleaning, it's important to apply a water-repellent finish such as Wolman® Rain-Coat®, F&P® or DuraStain®. Formulated to stop rain, sleet, snow and ice from penetrating wood surfaces, Wolman water-repellent coatings minimize water damage such as splitting or warping. The products offer a guarantee against water damage and provide long-lasting protection, so you won't have to reapply a new coat year after year. Plus, they are available in a variety of colors and opacity levels—from totally clear to sheer, transparent natural wood tones to semitransparent shades—so you can protect your deck while achieving virtually any look you desire.

For more information on Wolman® water-repellent coatings, wood cleaners and strippers, call 732-469-8100, or visit www.wolman.com for more helpful deck care tips.